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SUBJECT: CASE OF DR. GRACIELA ESTER ARABAOLASA

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1. CASE OF GRACIELA ESTER ARABAOLASA HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONGRESS AND WITH CORNELL UNIVERSITY. EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES AND DEPT IN WASHINGTON HAVE PURSUED WITH ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES THE POSSIBILITY OF HER EARLY RELEASE. GOA HAS INFORMED US THAT SHE IS UNLIKELY TO BE RELEASED BEFORE COMPLETING HER COURT IMPOSED FOUR YEAR SENTENCE IN APRIL 1981.

2. APPROACH TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WOULD NOT BE FRUITFUL SINCE COMMISSION DOES NOT CONSIDER INDIVIDUAL CASES. LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS, AN NGO AT 777 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, HAS FILED A BROADER

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COMPLAINT AGAINST ARGENTINA WITH COMMISSION. CORNELL STUDENTS MAY WANT TO CONTACT THIS COMMITTEE IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. THEY COULD ALSO REQUEST FROM UNESCO

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CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS. INDIVIDUAL CASES ARE CONSIDERED
BY UNESCO PROVIDED THEY ARE WITHIN ITS SPHERE OF COMPETENCE
I.E., ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION IS RELATED TO

EDUCATION, SCIENCE, CULTURE OR INFORMATION. EARLIEST
POSSIBLE UNESCO CONSIDERATION OF THIS CASE, HOWEVER,
WOULD NOT BE UNTIL NEXT APRIL, WHEN HER SENTENCE WILL
EXPIRE. MUSKIE

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